THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present import of edible oils is made without outflow of free foreign exchange. However, STC has so far contracted a quantity of 96,000 MTs of nalmolein during the current financial year 1990-91 at the CIF value of Rs. 92.55 crores for import against purchase and surrender of Exim Scrips.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government is already exploiting the potential of solvent extracted oil by harnessing appropriate technology and proper incentive measures.

Irregularity in the distribution of sugar quota by Fair Price Shops

2096. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 95 per cent ration card holders in Delhi have not been distributed their quota of sugar by Fair Price Shops for the month of November, 1991 till the third week of November, 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that affected ration card holders are under Circle Office Nos. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 44;

(c) whether Government are aware that the ration card holders had to waste lot of time to get their ration items especially when stock was not supplied to Fair Price Shops;

(d) whether month of November, 1991 was a period of festivals with provision of additional sugar at the rate of 500 gms. per card;

(e) whether stock of ration items should be available with Fair Price Shops before the commencement of drawing period of a particular month;

(f) whether Government propose to strengthen the system of Public Distribution; and

(g) if so, what action is proposed to be taken in such circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) There was some delay in delivering levy sugar to fair price shops in November, 1991 and some inconvenience was caused to the card holders on this account in Circles No. 27, 28, 29 & 44. Circle wise number of fair price shops affected were as under:—

Circle No.	No. of FPS affected
27	2
28	11
29	4
44	46

(d) to (g) Yes, Sir. Delhi Administration is stregnthening coordination with the Food Corporation of India and the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation to ensure that adequate stocks of Specified Food Articles are made available timely for distribution under the Public Distribution System.

Inclusion of SC/ST and Minorities in Selection Committees/Boards

2097. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instructions issued in August 1990 for inclusion of representatives of SC/ST and minorities in the Selection Committees/Boards have been implemented in his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of such bodies and organisation under his Ministry where the instructions have been implemented;

(c) what are the names of the bodies which have not implemented the instructions so far along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government/institutions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

2098. [*Transferred to the 20th December,* 1991]

Election of Directors of Cooperative Store Ltd. (Super Bazar) Delhi

2099. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recent election of six Directors of Cooperative Store Ltd. (Super Bazar) has been held in utter violation of the Delhi State Cooperative Societies Act Rules and Bye-laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether election of these Directors should have been done by Shareholders of Super Bazar;

(d) whether Government propose to take any action in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (e) Election of six Directors of Cooperative Stores Ltd. (Super Bazar) have been held on 22.9.1991 by the Returning Officer appointed by the Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Delhi. However, the election has been challenged in the court of Lt. Governor, Delhi Administration under Section 31(7) of the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 and under Section 60 before the Joint Registrar Cooperative Societies (Arbitration), Delhi Administration. Since the matter is subjudice, action, if any, shall be taken after final decision by their authorities.

Availability of toxin-free Khesari Dal

2100. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Toxin-free Khesari dal would be available at all the public distribution centres in the country; and

(b) whether Government are aware that Khesari Dal normally contains toxin called BOAA which can cause to Lathyrism; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) There is no proposal for supply of Khesari Dal to the consumers under the Public Distribution System.

(b) Yes, Sir. Research in developing toxin-free khesari dal varieties is being conducted by Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

2101. [*Transferred to the 18th December,* 1991]

Review of the functioning of Bureau of Indian Standards

2102. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are undertaking a comprehensive review of the functioning of the Bureau of Indian standards;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate a national policy on standardisation and quality in a bid to make the Indian products certification system internationally acceptable;

(c) if so, the details of the steps Government propose to take in this regard;